

— Capsule Summary
SM-559
Leonardtown Hospital
Leonardtown
Private

c. 1880s

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SM-559, The Leonardtown Hospital
St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Industrial Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture, Public Service

Resource Type

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Town
Historic Function and Use:	Residence, Hospital
Known Design Source:	None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-559

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Leonardtown Hospital

and/or common

2. Location

N side of Fenwick Street, just W of the intersection of Fenwick and Washington Streets
street & number ☐ not for publication

city, town Leonardtown ☐ vicinity of congressional district 3

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Karen H. Abrams

street & number PO Box 605 telephone no.:(301) 373-5402

city, town Leonardtown state and zip code Md 20650

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 503

street & number folio 420

city, town Leonardtown state Md

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. SM-559

Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Leonardtown Hospital is located on the north side of Fenwick Street just west of the intersection of Washington and Fenwick Streets. Oriented on a north/south axis, the hospital building is pushed very close to the road on the south and is bounded on the north and west by a parking lot. A two story brick building forms the east boundary of the property.

The Leonardtown Hospital is a frame, two story, three bay building with a shallow pitch gable roof. While the foundation is not visible, the building's walls are sheathed with vinyl siding, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The building is composed of a two story, single pile section that faces Fenwick Street and several two and one story additions on the north side. The northeast corner two story addition with a flat roof appears to be roughly contemporary with the main two story section but the other additions appear to have been added later.

The primary elevation or south elevation features a centrally placed four panel door with transom flanked on either side by a six-over-six, double-hung sash window. Each of these windows are further highlighted by non-functional louvered shutters while the door is sheltered by a gable roof door hood supported by a pair of arch braces adorned with scroll sawn brackets.

During a significant renovation all of the building's windows were replaced with modern sash and the building was covered with vinyl siding. Historic photos indicate that a two story, screened-in porch and a scroll sawn vergeboard were removed from the east gable end and a set of paired sash were replaced with a single window on the first floor of the south elevation.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

By the early-twentieth century, it became clear that a hospital was desperately needed in Leonardtown, Maryland. A group of individuals including Enoch Abell, George F. Dent, Stephen M. Jones, John G. H. Lilburn, Francis O. Morgan, John W. Rehehan and Dr. Francis F. Greenwell established the first hospital in 1912. Unfortunately, no funds were immediately available for the erection of a permanent building, so a dwelling owned by Margaret L. and Francis F. Greenwell, was rented by the committee for \$10 a month. The dwelling, initially constructed by John F. Fenwick or Ellen Rebecca Fenwick in the 1880s, served as the hospital until 1916 when a larger hospital building was erected on Route 5. Subsequent owners of the house included Elinor Carroll, Frank P. and Elizabeth D. Scrivener, J. Richard and Elizabeth C. Norris, Mary M. Griffen, and Karen H. Abrams.

The two story, three bay, frame dwelling has seen several changes since it was initially constructed. Historic photos of the house show that the dwelling once had a set of paired sash on the first floor of the south elevation, scroll sawn, Victorian era trim on its gable ends, and finally porches on the first and second floors on the east gable end. All of these elements were removed in the 1980s during a significant renovation. This renovation included covering the building with vinyl siding, removing the trim and porches from the gable end, and finally removing the paired sash and replacing them with one single window.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-559

The Enterprise, Hospital Supplement. March 30, 1984.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1/9 acre

Quadrangle name Leonardtown, Md

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed description.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor

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date February, 1997

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city or town Leonardtown

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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8.1 Significance

Chain-of-title (Please note that all records can be found in the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse in Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber MRB 503, Folio 420
Grantee: Karen H. Abrams
Grantor: Karen H. Abrams and Julian J. Izydore
Date: November 7, 1989
Notes: The deed notes that the lot contains 1/9 of an acre.

Reference: Liber MRB 450, Folio 283
Grantee: Karen H. Abrams and Julian J. Izydore
Grantor: Mary M. Griffen
Date: December 30, 1980

Reference: Liber MRB 337, Folio 290
Grantee: Mary M. Griffen
Grantor: Elizabeth C. Norris, surviving tenant
Date: February 20, 1987

Reference: Liber CBG 15, Folio 323
Grantee: J. Richard and Elizabeth C. Norris
Grantor: Louis G. Scrivener
Date: September 10, 1943

Reference: Liber JMM 7, Folio 304
Grantee: Louis G. and Frank P. Scrivener
Grantor: Frank P. and Elizabeth D. Scrivener
Date: May 9, 1931

Reference: Liber JMM 6, Folio 90
Grantee: Frank P. and Elizabeth D. Scrivener
Grantor: Margaret L. and Francis F. Greenwell
Date: March 15, 1928

Reference: Liber JMM 6, Folio 89
Grantee: Margaret L. Greenwell
Grantor: Sophia Lee Briscoe
Date: February 27, 1928
Notes: Sophia Briscoe was devised the property by Elinor Carroll via deed BC 1, 368 executed on July 3, 1924.

Reference: Liber EBA 20, Folio 256
Grantee: Elinor Carroll
Grantor: Margaret L. and Francis F. Greenwell
Date: ?

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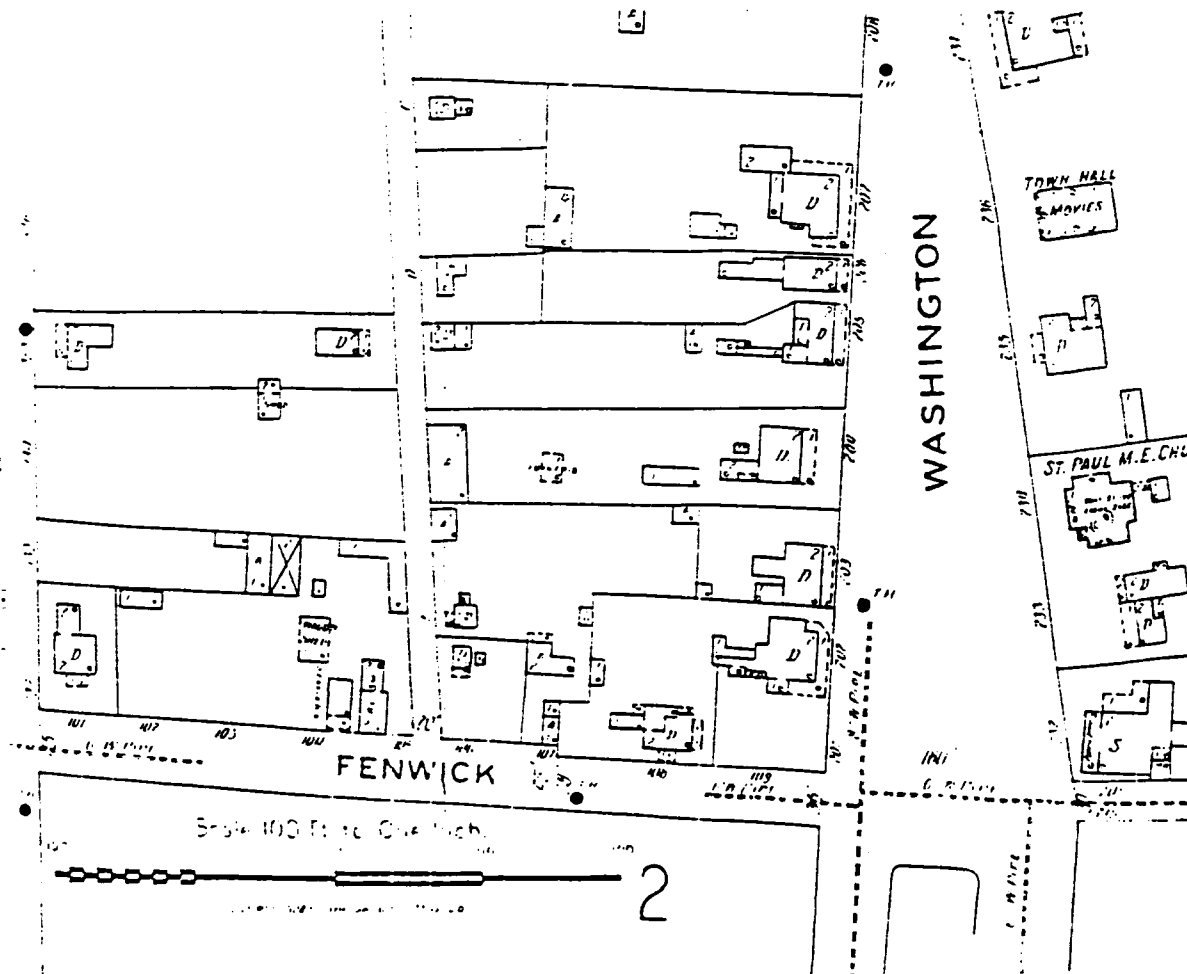
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Reference: Liber EBA 10, Folio 198
Grantee: Margaret L. Greenwell
Grantor: J. Felix Fenwick et al
Date: June 21, 1912

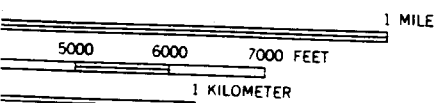
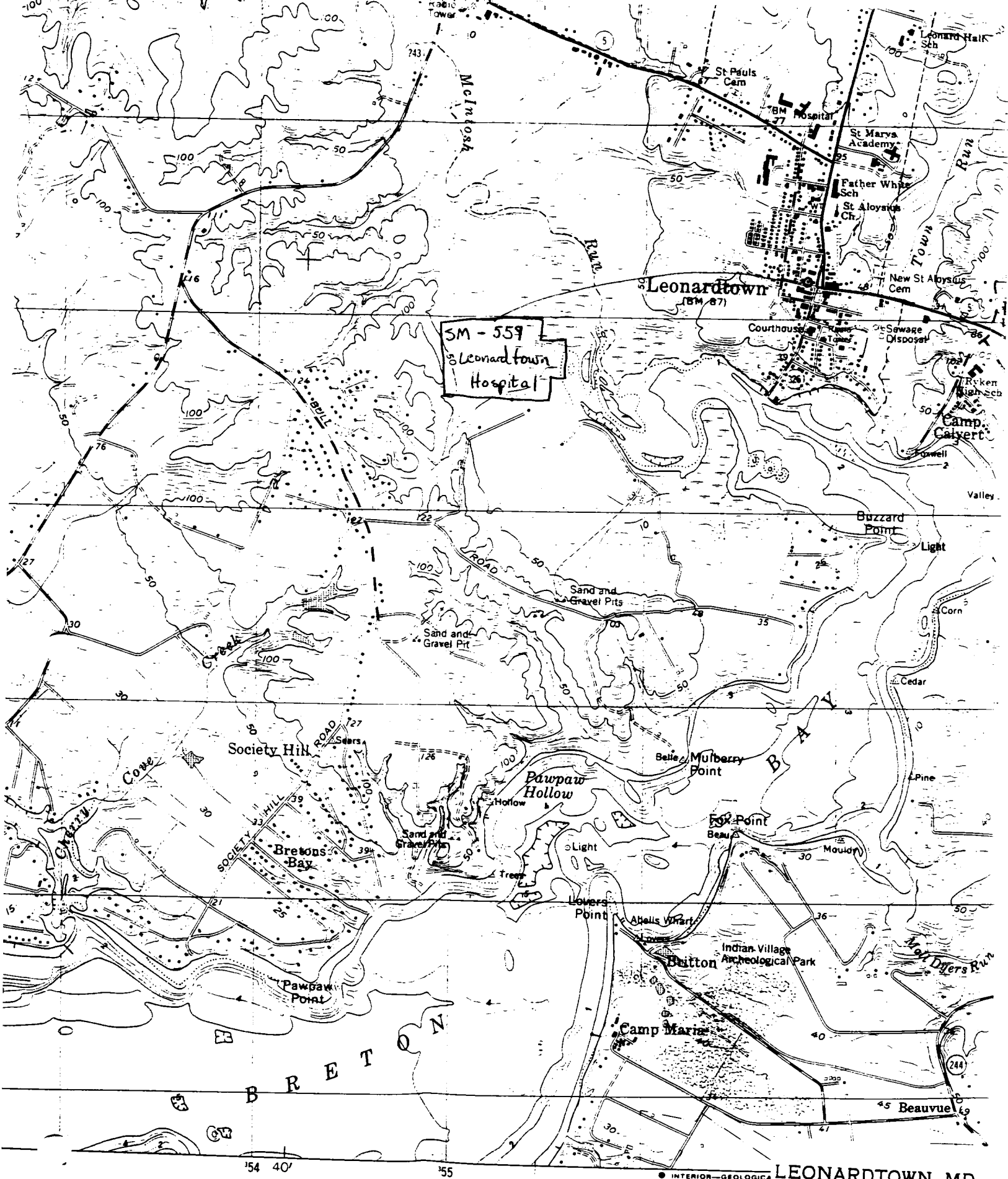
Reference: Liber JFF 4, Folio 31
Grantee: Ellen Rebecca Fenwick
Grantor: John F. Fenwick
Date: October 22, 1879
Notes: Ellen Fenwick purchases the property for \$250.

Reference: Liber JFF 4, Folio 30
Grantee: John F. Fenwick
Grantor: Benjamin Gwinn Harris
Date: October 21, 1879
Notes: Another confirmatory deed dated October 1, 1858 notes that this property was once part of the Union Hotel property which contained a large stable and many outbuildings.

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 8.3 Significance



1928 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map showing the Leonardtown Hospital fronting on Fenwick Street just west of the town square.



LEONARDTOWN, MD.
SW/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE
38076-C6-TB-024
1963
BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982
PHOTOREVISED 1984
DMA 5660 1 SW-SERIES V833

ROAC

Heavy-duty
Medium-duty



